



TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

In re patent application of:) MMB Docket No: **1671-0278**
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Lester et al.) J&J Reference: **DEP5160USNP**
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Serial No: **10/748,706**) Group Art Unit: **3738**
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Filed: **December 30, 2003**) Examiner: **Bruce Edward Snow**
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Title: **Soft Tissue Attachment System and**)
Method)

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. Also, enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

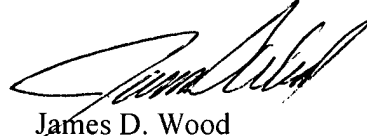
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Paid For | Fee Calculation | Additional Fee |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 20 | 20 | 0 X 50 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 3 | 0 X 200 | \$0.00 |
| Total Additional Fee Required | | | | \$0.00 |

- * A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the \$450.00 fee for the Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time.
- * Please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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